Miller & Rhoads.

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WEATHER FOREGAST-Thursday Fair.

Blankets and Comforts That Are Needed Now

The little animal that regulates our weather after the second of February has evidently gone back for a good long rest, judging by the thermometer this morning.

We can help you keep comfortable to-night with these blankets and comforts-many of them at reduced prices.

Sample pairs of 12-4 WHITE WOOL BLANKETS that sold up to \$7.00 a pair, now \$5.98. Being on display they've became a little salled. All wool GRAY AND SCARLET BLANKETS, silk bound and well finished. Full 11-4 size. Blue and

Pink borders, \$4.50. SAMPLE CRIB BLANKETS. \$3.75 reduced from \$4.50. \$2.98 reduced from \$3.50. \$1.98 reduced from \$2.50.

Large size COMFORTS filled with pure white cotton and covered with figured Sikoline on both sides, tucked with zephyr, \$1.76.

Pure Laminated Cotton COMFORTS covered with figured Satteen, well which prevents the cotton from knotting. 72x78 Inches, \$2.75, LAMBS-WOOL COMFORTS covered with a good quality of figured Extra large sizes, \$3.25

A Coat and Fur Proposition for Cold Weather.

We offer you every winter coat and fur in the house at half, or less than half their original prices,

If we carry these garments over to next fall, they will, of course, be sold at reduced prices, but not as low as they are to-day.

The season will be ahead of them at that time. Now the incoming

spring goods are crowding them out



city.

PERSONAL AND BRIEFS.

Rev. C. E. B. Wood, of Colorado, spoke in Cowardin Avenue Christjan Church

The Finance Committee will meet to-morrow night.

ALLEGED CROOKS.

Gibson, Wren and Wiltshire.

as suspicious characters.

The detectives believe the two negroes

Auxiliary to Meet.

The regular monthly meeting of the Virginia Auxiliary of the Home for Incurables will be held at noon to-day at No. 918 West Pranklin Street. A ful attendance is carneally requested.

Life May Not be Sacrificed. Fire Drill Safeguard.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TRUE BILLS IN **MANCHESTER**

Thirteen Indictments Found by Grand Jury for Selling Liquor to Minors.

LOOKING FOR ROANOKE FIEND

Street Fight Occasions Arrest of Three Negroes-Marriage This Evening-Notes.

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch, l No. 1102 Hull Street. (The special grand jury, which has been investigating the alleged sale of liquor completed their work last night, and as a result thirteen indictments were drawn, nine against proprietors of bars and four against bartend

The investigation was thorough. Four sittings were had by the jury, and about forty witnesses were examined. The warrants will be sworn out this morning and a time for the hearing set. The punishment in such cases is fine and im-Prisonment, or either,

The indictments were made out against the following: P. C. Davis, W. J. Dobbins, Guy Cole, W. A. Neal, James Phillips. L. M. Latham, Peter Donald, Jr., Sam Henry, Moore and Burke, Moore Sam Henry, Moore and Burke, Moore
Brothers, Henry Schwartz, Alley Waynack and George Day.

The papers will He served by City Sergeant Saunders, Served by City Sergeant Saunders, Served by City SerLOOKING FOR THE FIEND.

After the police of Manchester and
Swansboro had scoured a large section

Wellbertrield county contiguous to

of Chesterfield county contiguous to Manchester, in search of a negro sup-losed to be the man wanted for criminal assault in Roanoke, Chief Lipscomb nal assault in Roanoke, Chief Lipscomb arrested the man, who turned out to be a negro named Pete Duffy, who proved that he had been living in Manchester for several weeks. He was released. Vigil-ant search is being kept up, however, in the hope that the right man may be cap-jured. STREET FIGHT.

Four negroes got into a rought and tumble fight on Hull Street, between Seventh and Eighth, last night, about 5:80 o'clock, and a lot of excitement was occasioned thereby. Police Sergeant Wright got in the midst of the fray, and landed three of them behind the bars in the station house. They are: William Harris, James Harris and William Matthews. Their cases will be heard to-day. Four negroes got into a rought and tumble fight on Hull Street, between twas Seventh and Eighth, last night, about \$1.20 clock, and a lot of excitement was occasioned thereby. Police Sergean track of the fray, and landed three of them behind the bars in the station house. They are: William Matharris, James Harris and William Matharris, James Harris and

for entering the home of the principal of the Normal School last week was nolle prosequied yesterday,

FUNERAL SERVICES.

The funeral of Mr. II. W. Fursion took

The funeral of Mr. H. W. Fursron took place from Meade Memorial Church at a o'cbek yesterday afternoon, and the burial was in Maury Cemetery.

The funeral of Naomi Sue, the infant child of Mr. R. L. Walthall, of No. 212 East Ninth Street, took place from the Same at 428 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the services were by Rev. Dr. Cridlin. Her mother died two months ago.

The remains of Sadie, the nine-year-old daughter of Captain and Mrs. E. T. Balley, of Marx's Addition, will be turied from the home at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, the services to be by Rev. E. V. Baldy.

CHANGE OF HOUR.

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The marriage of Mr. Percy C. Fuqua and Miss Lizzie W. Dent, announced for 8:30 o'clock this morning, has been changed to 9 o'clock to-night, at Clopton street Church. This change was made because of liness in the family of the bride. After the ceremony a reception will be given at the home of the bride, in the county, to the family and party. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. W. W. Siek.

OFFICERS ELECTED. The following officers were elected at

WANT LAW WITH TEETH:

Anti-Saloon League Will Ask Legislature to Pass New Social Club Measure,

RECENT ENACTMENT FAILURE

Important Steps That May Crush Out Blind Tigers-Meeting of Executive Committee.

Within the very early future there will be offered in the General Assembly, at the instance of the temperance forces in the State, a new measure designed to cone more effectively and thoroughly with the evils said to grow out of the so-called social clubs now springing up in every section of the Commonwealth.

The first step in the matter was taken on Monday night at the annual meeting in this city of the Executive Committee of the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia. It was brought out clearly then that the recently enacted club law is sore to the temperance folk. It accomplishes absolutely nothing in the way of holding the mushroom clubs in check, and, moreover it was stated that it rebill. The committee discussed the mat-ter thoroughly, and finally decided to ask for a new law. A special subcom-nittee was appointed and will get to

inities was appointed and will get to work this week or carly in the next.

"The recent law on the social clubs having been found defective and valueless for the purpose of the suppression of the clubs," says the president of the icague, the Rev. James Cannon, Jr., in making a report of the meeting, "the league will ask the Legislature to pass a law with teeth in it. The league will press continually for advanced legislation on the liquor question."

"Will Judge Mann offer the new bill?" was asked of one of the Executive Committee yesterday.

the annual meeting of the Manchester Bank stockholders:
President, 'A. D. Shotwell; Vice-President, R. A. Bowen; Cashler, Clarence Vaden; Directors, the officers named and R. C. Broadus, E. H. Wells, Kennoth Smith, John Moore and E. T. Rucker. The two latter were elected to succeed W. J. Carter and S. R. Brame, resigned. Mr. Carter resigned in order to give his whole time to his drug and horse business. Mr. Brame has removed from the city. mittee yesterday.
"I can't say positively," he replied in effect, "but it is very likely that he

Meeting of the Committee.

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The meeting of the Executive Committee was a very important one. Two sessions were held, one in the afternoon and one at night. The latter lasted until nearly midnight. Among those present were:

Rev. James Cannon, r., of Blackstone;
Rev. H. P. Atkins, of this city; Rev. Gordon B. Moore, D. D., of this city; Rev. J. W. West, of this city; Professor S. C. Hatcher, of Petersburg; Rev. M. Ashby Jones, of this city; Rev. P. A. Cave, of this city; Rev. W. B. Beauchamp, of Newport News; Rev. C. S. Gardner, D. D., of this city; Rev. W. Asbury Christian, of Berkley; Rev. W. A. B. Benett, of Ashland, and Rev. W. R. L. Smith D. D., of this city.

The committee discussed the general situation in the State and the work of

Negroes Arrested by Detectives situation in the State and the work of the past year, and made plans for the future. The ministers were much grati-fied at the condition of things in gen-Detectives Gibson, Wren and Wiltshire arrested two negroes last night named Bill Moseley and "Devil Dick" Copeland,

An Important Revelation. The league has just become in posses-

belong to a gang of desperate characters, and they have strong reason to believe they know something about recent robsion of certain information that will enable it to detect the bilm digers and speak-casies operating in local option territory. Nearly every one of these illegal establishments takes the precaution of paying the Unifed States tax, although they are violating the State law. The penalty imposed by the Federal government is much severer than that of the State, however, and the government inspectorship system makes detection almost inevitable. Therefore the bilindiger pays its United States tax, and when the inspector comes around shows the receipt and that ends the matter, for NOT FIRE TRAPS the receipt, and that ends the matter, for the official has nothing to do with the State law. The illicit business is then car-ried on without interruption unless the State can spot the follows. This the league intends to do. It has endeavored before to get from the revenue officers Every Precaution Taken That before to get from the revenue officers of Virginia lists of those holding United States tax receipts, but the officers were forbidden by law to say a word. The league has just discovered that another law opens the official records to the public. The tax list is in a book commonly known as "Book Ten" and the league now announces that it will make an immediate inspection of Book Ten. Under the law it has a right tao do this. It will copy the names, send them broadcast over the State, and publish them in the Christian Federation. Those to whom the Mr. W. F. Fox, superintendent of the Richmond city schools, is quoted by the "Fireproof," of Chicago, as saying that the Richmond High School building is "lamentably overcrowded and unsafe." afternoon. Mr. Fox said that at the over the state, thu points them in the Christian Federation. Those to whom the law gives the right to have whiskey in ideal option territory—druggists, etc.—will be substructed, and then it will be known High School and all of the other schools of the city every possible precaution against fire was being taken, and the pupils were frequently given the fire that the remainder are violators of the law. They will be spotted, watched and drill. The High School building is about as bad as any in the city, probably

this connection there is now in Congress a bill prevenuing the government from issuing tax receipts in local option territory. Dr. Moore, superintendent of the league, is in favor of it, but others feel that while the principle may be wrong, teh very issuance of tax re-celpts affords a clue for the capture of

Codify the Laws.

Two or three other important matters grew out of the meeting of the committee. The work of disseminating temperance literature will be pushed. The liquor have of the State will be codified and published in book form and sent everywhere for the benefit of citizens and lawyers. Each book will contain in an appendix explicit directions of how the different localities, now largely ignorant of the ways, wears, and seems being contained. of the means, may secure a better enceed against violators thereof.

during the summer. The work in the cities will be pushed until May, and both superintendent and field secretary will spend considerable time in Richmond. New Ground for Divorce. Mr. Opie, of Augusta, has offered a bill, adding to the statutory grounds for diverse from the bonds of marriago construed addiction to the liquor or drug habit. The amendment is fuvored by mary. This ground for divorce is in add tion to those already prescribed by statute.

Mr. Braxton Here.

Among the well known visitors attending the session of the benate yesterday was flom. A. C. Braxion, of Blaunton, who is in the city in opposition to the Duke-Phicagar telephone connection bill. Mr. Braxion is interested in other matters before the General Assembly.

Mr. Dobie III.

Mr. R. L. Doble is culte ill at the resi-dence of Mr. C. R. Guy, No. 359 South Fourth Street. Owing to his extreme age but slight hopes are entertained for his recovery.

THE APPEAL DISMISSED

The Federal Circuit Court of Appeals Affirms Decision in Important Case.

MANY THOUSANDS INVOLVED

The Lower Court Affirmed-A Kindred Case Being Argued. One Call To-day.

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals was engaged yesterday with arand magnitude. It is printed in a voluminous record, covering over 3,000 printed rages, and involves over a quarter of a million dollars. It is the case of Emanuel W. Bloomingdale, trustee, &c. and Marcus A. Bettman et al., appellents, vs. Gilbert L. Watson and Max Drey, appellees; from the Circuit Court at Parkersburg, W. Va.

The litigation grew out of a deed of assignment made in New York by the co-partnership of Bettman, Watson and Bernheimer, and of Bettman and Watson, which firms were engaged in general oil business, having an output of over 500 barrels a day, in the States of Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohlo and Indiana, Gilbert L. Watson, one of the partners and parties to the deeds of assignments, claims to have been defrauded by said deeds, and applied to the Circuit Court of the United States at Farkersburg, W. Va., to set aside the deeds of assignments and be relieved from the effect of the assignments, and praying for a dissolution of the partnership, and that their assets be administered and the rights of all parties be properly adjudicated and the partnerships wound up. The lower court found the deeds of assignments to be fraudulent, and, accordingly, set them aside, and appointed a receiver and a special master to take charge of the property and to state and settle the accounts between the several parties composing the firms, and hold that the said debts and cach of them were in fraud of his rights and of the rights of the creditors of said firms, and that at the time of the fling of complainant's bill he was and now is entitled to have the said debts cancelled as to himself and his said firms.

APPELLEES MOVE TO DISMISS, Upon the case being called by the court for argument, counsel for the appellees The litigation grew out of a deed of

APPELLEES MOVE TO DISMISS, Upon the case being called by the court for argument, counsel for the appellees filed a motion to dismiss the appeal of the appellants on the grounds that the citation does not show service of Max Drey or any person as his agent, and that the citation is not directed or served upon other necessary and indispensable parties, and that the appeal was not taken within six months from the date of the final decree as required by the law.

date of the final decree as required by the law.

A. Leo Well, of Pittsburg, Pa., and B.

M. Ambler, of Parkersburg, W. Va., argued in support of the motion, and F.

B. Enslow, of Huntington, W. Va., argued in opposition to the motion.

The court, after hearing the arguments took the matter under consideration until 3 P. M. Upon reconvening, the court granted the motion and dismissed the appeal.

granted the motion and dismissed the appeal.

Daniel P. Hayes, of New York, was admitted to practice in this court.

Max Drey, appellant, vs. Buomingdale et al., appellees; appeal from the Circuit Court at Parkersburg, W. Va. This case also grows out of the same littgation as, No. 511, argued by counsel, viz.:

A. Leo Well, of Pittsburg, Pa., and P. M. Ambler, of Parkersburg, W. Va., for the appellants, and by F. B. Enslow, of Huntington, W. Va.; D. P. Hayes, of New York, and James S. McCluer, of Parkersburg, W. Va., for the appellees, and, pending the argument, the court adjourned until this morning at 10 o'clock.

The next cases in call for argument

Jesse Rosenthal et al., appellants, vs.

arre:
Ameron, having been lessioned a brigadierlessioned a brigadi of Baltimore, Md., and Robert 1. The inson, or Chicago, Ill., for the appellees. This is an action brought by the Crown Cork and Seal Company against the appellants, to prohibit them from infringing their patent stopper rights.

SARAH WILEY MEMORIAL Impressive Ceremony of Dedica-

tion at Methodist Institute.

in at Methodist Institute.

With prayer and song, heart talks and tars, the Sarah Wiley Memorial Hospital was on yes, erduy alternoon dedicated in this presence of a representative gathering of Christian workers at the Methodist Institute for Christian Work, at Nineteenth and Main.

The room selected for hospital use, in connection with the free dispensary, is probably the best room in the large bulking, and the Ladles' Auxunary had succeeded in having it equipped for service and presenting an attractive appearance. The walls were newly whitened, the beds and jurniture new and the linen immachiate, while tasty pictures adorned the walls. There were present a large number of ladles from all portions of the city prominent business men left their offices to attend; Rev. Dr. Hannon was hiere, and also Drs. R. L. Kern and G. W. Gay two of the physicians who so magnanimously give their valuable services to the dispensary.

The president of the Ladles' Hospital Auxillary, Mrs. W. M. Bickers, requested Ar. Bicars to introduce the exercises and this gentleman stuted the exercises and this gentleman stuted the object of the meeting and presented Dr. Hannon, who read a Scripture Lesson, and, after a song had-been sung offered a fervent prayor. Stort, but feeling, addresses were prayor. Stort, but feeling, addresses we not be beard of managers of the Institute Drs. Kern and Gay, Superintendent Wiloy, Mir. Wilson and Mrs. Bickers. Dr. Hannon is reference to the sweet little daught for the weather and the memorial will bear, was tender and touching, as was Mr. Wiley's response.

The physicians thanked the ladles for these endous and effective efforts, and

The people could not restrain their emotions.

The physicians thanked the ladles for their zeaious and effective efforts, and told of the great hep the hospital will be to the dispensary, and in turn the paysicians were given a tribute of praise for their good and kindly services. A striking feature of the exercises was the recital of a personal experience by a gentleman present, who several years ago wan converted and helped to a successful business life through the instrumentality of this mission.

At the conclusion of the preity services aperintendent Wiley conducted the visitors through the building, and it was a revelation to those who had not been through the pennises before.

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A NNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING THE SIST DAY OF DECEMBER 1993, OF THE ACTUAL CONDITION OF THE LIFE INBURANCE COMPANY OF VIRGINIA ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE BTATE OF VIRGINIA MADE TO THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS FOR THE DEMINIA OF VIRGINIA.

NOTE OF VIRGINIA.

Name of the company in full—LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF VIRGINIA.

Location of home or principal office of said company—RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

Character of the business transacted by the company—LIFE INSURANCE,
MIXED PLAN.

Cyranized and incorporated—MARCH 21, 1871.

Commenced business—APRIL, 1871.

President—J. G. WALKERI Secretary—W. L. T. ROGERSON.

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ASSETS. Bonds, market value...

Stocks, market value...

Real estate, unencumbered, market value...
Loans secured by first mortgage on real estate.
Cash in banks, trust companies and company's office...
Loans on company's policles, assigned as collateral.

Premium notes, etc...
Loans secured by pledge of stocks and bonds or other collateral interest due and accrued.

Rents due and accrued.

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State of Virginia, city of Richmond—ss:
Sworn to January 28, 1904, before
JOHN A. COKE, JR., Notary Public.

particularly interesting and highly com-plimented.

A pastel picture of little Sarah Wiley will be hung in the memorial room. REDISTRICTING PROPOSED

Norfolk and Newport News Wish to be in Separate Districts. The bill redistricting the State for rep

The bill redistricting the State for representatives in Congress, offered yesterday in the Senate and also in the House, is the same bill offered and research the populations of the Second and First Districts, the Second and First Districts, the Second and exceeding the average and the First being slightly below The bill seeks to but the peninsulation of Elizabeth. City and Warwick and the city of Newsort News from the Second and add them to the First District; and to further equalics and concentrate the area of the districts. Cherles City county is to be conformed to the feat that the Second District. The demand for the bill is largely due to the fact that the Second District and the feat that the Second District and the fact that the Second District and the private yard at Jewport News. Both cities, it is understood, would prefer separate representatives.

BACK TO HIS OLD HOME.

TOBACCO SALES.

Fine Prices Received Yesterday at Stonewall Warehouse.

The receipts of loose tobacco on the Richmond market were larger yesterday than they have been for the past two or three days. Fairly big sales are expected for to-morrow.

The prices westerday were particularly good. Mr. George A. Haynes, proprietor of Stonewally handsome prices. A few of them are as follows:

A. T. Goodwin, Louisa—Four lots, \$21, \$19, \$15.50 and \$10.25; \$18.18 average per 10, pounds. pounds. R. B. Nicholas-\$12.75, \$10.75 and \$7.25; average, \$9.97. average, 19 97.
The online sale on the floor brought an average of \$9.86 2-5.

HAVE MANY CANDIDATES. Shockoe Council Arcanumites to Have Enjoyable Meeting.

Shockee Council, Royal Arcanum, will have an especially attractive inesting this evening. It was said yesterday that there would be probably twenty cardidates to be initiated—more than enough it leads to the initiated—more than enough it leads to be initiated—more than enough its leading and the said of the real will be the inaugural address of Regard J. S. Woodburne and a visit from Mr. Harry Kemp, deputy grand regent. Refreshments will be served, following the exercises.

TRIAL FOR

Boodle Cases in Missouri Legislature Again Aired in Court Room. (By Associated Press.)

FULTON MO. Feb. 3.—In the trial of Colonel Edward Butler, charged with bribery, J. K. Murrell, former member of the House of Delegates, and agent the alleged combine of members, told of the formation of the House of Delegates meetings; the number present; the propositions regarding the lighting ous propositions regarding the influence bill, and the attitude of the "boys" toward that legislation:

He recited that the combine met and decided on \$75,000 as the price for which they would pass the lighting bill. Bubsequently, he said, he had a conversation with Butler, which he summarized as follows:

After Twenty Years Mr. Hampden Herring, twenty years ago a resident of Richmond and prior to that time of Louisa county, has returned to this city to make it his home, after residing for more than two decades in New York city. Mr. Herring is a nephew of George I. Herring, of this city, and lived here in the early seventies. Mr. Herring will engage in the super brokerage business and will lie closely associated with the Richmond Merchandise and Warehouse Company, on South Fourtenth Street. Mr. Herrings business will be independent of that, of the company however. He will handle the sugars of the Howell Refinery Company, a corporation independent of the American Sugar Refaming Company, but working under the cemmunity of interests plan with it.

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(By Associated Frees.)

WASHINGTON D. C., Feb. 3.—Shorily before adjournment to day counsel for the defense in the postal trial produced a note, dated Jilly 1. 1893, for \$25,000, drawn by George E. Lorenz in favor of August W. Machin.

In the opening statement of the defense Mr. Kurdl prove the existence of an indebtedness of this amount on the part of Lorenz to Machin. The note, he said to day who offered for this purpose, and as explaining the various remittances forwarded by Lorenz to Machin. The note, he said to day who offered for this purpose, and as explaining the various remittances forwarded by Lorenz to Machin.

S. D. Curr of the National Bank of Commerce of Toledo, Ohio, as having been discounted by his bank on the endorsement of Lorenz and his brother and Machin, the loans having been made to enable them to develop their oil properties in Ohio, Mr. Carr further testilical that Machen had sold out his interest to Lorenz.

To be Operated on.

MINERAL. VA., Feb. 3.—Mrs. Jack Cussons, of the Arminius Mines, who has been quite sick for the past we k, was laken to-day to the Memorial Hospital. Richmond, Va., to be operated on for appendicitis.

To Return To-day.

Rev. D. A. Solly, pastor of immanuel Baptist Church, who was called to Fhiladelphia on Monday by the death of his brother's wife, is expected to return to day or to-morrow. Mrs. Solly, who visited Richmond about a Year ago, had been in ill health for a long time.

BURNETT'S EXTRACT OF VANILLA the leader all the world over. Use no other,

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\$500 REWARD. Our attention has been recently called

the gast gam should at feast be show lurning." This is about as good as can be hoped for. People have little or no faith in "strictly fireproof" structures. Too many of them burn. The best that the board hopes for is a building which will not burn too rapidly for all the children to get out and the fire depart-

ment to get there and bury the flames laneath irresistible streams of the yel-

Our attention has been recently called to a rumor which is being circulated arroughout the city that the True Re-formers' Bank has closed or about to fall, all of which is without foundation. The Savings Pank of the Grand Fountain, United Order of True Reformers, has always met its obligations, and rumbs ready, as ever to do se. Any statement always met its obligations, and stands ready, as ever, to do so. Any statement to the contrary is damaging to said institution, as it creates unrest among its depositors. We take this medium of notifying the public and our depositors of the faisity of the statement.

We herewith offer a reward of 1550 for the arrest and conviction of the guilty party.

W. L. TAYLOR, President, R. P. HILL, Cashier,

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VIOLETS! VIOLETS!

Headquarters for Carnations. Roses, &c.

LARGEST STOCK IN CITY.

107 E. Broad St.

W. A. HAMMOND,

ENDS LIFE BY POISON

General John A. Gills, of Amelia, Takes a Deadly Drug With Fatal Intent.

Information reached this city early yestorday of the death of General John A. Gills, of Amelia Courthouse, on Tuesday, the end being due to poison self-administered while laboring under temporary mental aberration. He was found dead near the railway track, two miles west of Amelia Courthouse, about 6 P. M. The vital spark had scarcely fled when he was found.

There was every evidence of careful premeditation in the act of self-destruction. He had at various times just before the fatal act purchased laudanum and strychnine from a druggist at the

and strychnine from a druggist at the courthouse, explaining that he desired the drug for purposes other than the sequel proved. So determined upon ending his own life was the demented man that he purchased a revolver in the vil-

lage on Monday.

When the body was found it was still when the body was indeed to assign warm, but with life extinct; it was leaning against a pine tree near the railway. He had been seen Tuesday morning about 8 o'clock near the railway station, and again near it A. M. on the railway, near, the point where later in the day

his corpse was discovered.

Falling to appear at dinner and for some time afterward, his friend, Judge S. L. Farrar, became alarmed as to his safety, and instituted a search for him. By means of inquiries his movements were traced. It was then ascertained that he had purchased the druss and the his corpse was discovered. Falling to appear at dis were traced. It was then ascertained that he had purchased the drugs and the revolver, and uneasiness gave way to serious apprehension. Afterwards it was found that he had left a package of sealed papers at a store. These proved to be his will, a diamond ring, and a sum of money.

When the body was found there was When the body was found there was pinned upon it a sheet of paper upon which, written in his own handwriting, was a statement that left no doubt of the nature of rhis death. This statement was in the nature of a farewell to friends coupled with the statement that he had tried to do right and hoped that he would be forgiven if he had falled to do so. He wrote several times on the sheet: "Be sure that I am dead before you bury me." Further investigation disclosed that he had used the poison, but not the revolver, which was found fully loaded.

General Gills had practised law in the county for a number of years and was well and widely known in Amelia and adjoining countles. He is said to have been a man of great gentleness and kindliness and was greatly esteemed. He received the title of general during the administration of Governor, Cameron, having been appointed and commissioned a brigadler-general by the Governor. General Gills is survived by a sister, Mrs. C. C. Farley, of Amelia, and by a brother, Mr. J. T. Gills, of Petersburg.

The funeral will take place this afternoon, the interment being in the Presbyterian Cemetery at Amelia Courthouse. General Gills had practised law in the

ASKED TO RESIGN.

City Attorney Ashworth Re-

fuses and Will Serve Out Term.

(Snecial to The Times-Dispaten).

BRISTOL, TENN., Feb. 3.—Growing out of the charges of illegal dealings with the city of Bristol. Va., on the part H. F. Johns, a member of the City Council and president of the Dominion National Bank. City Attorney J. S. Ashworth has been requested by the Council to hand his regulation.

Mr. Ashworth failty refuses to obey the request and insists that he will serve his time out unless routed by impeachment proceedings. He has now taken steps to test the charges against Mr. Jones in the courts, since the committee that exonerated the councilman did not understant to pass upon the legal phases of the case.

Did Not Have Quorum. The stockholders of the B. F. Johnson Publishing Company were to have had their annual meeting yesterday afternoon, but failed of a quorum. The next date of the meeting is Wednesday of next week.

VIRGINIA **BRIEFS**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
YORKTOWN VA., Feb. 3.—Robert Carter, a negro, sixty years of age, was found dead in his bed yesterday morning. Of an eccentric nature, he lived apart and aloof from the rest of his kind, and occupied one room of a house back in the woods, and at some distance from any neighbor. He had not been seen for some time, and it is now bolleved that he had been dead for nearly three works.
WILLIAMSBURG, VA.—Mr., Parke Jones has sold his farm in James City county, known as Dunbar, to R. L. Speneer and T. H. Geddy. The tract contains 450 acres. The price paid has not been made known. cer and T. H. Geddy. This days not been made known.
WOODSTOCK, VA.—The condition of Mr. L. S. Waiker, cierk of the courts of Shenandouh country, who has been ill for the past two weeks, remains very critical.

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Sout. H. BOSTON, VA.—It is rumored that Mr. Samuel S. Bagby, Jr. of Southern Halifax, was accidentally kiled in the mining district of West Virginia last week, where he recently went to accept a position.

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